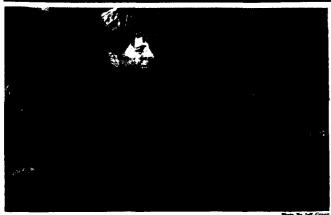
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Gov. Christine Whitman pays a visit to Springfield senior citizens at the first Senior Citizen Breakfast at Jonathan Dayton High School Friday. Two 80-year-old township twins were among the crowd of more than 100 students and senior citizens to attend the event.

Whitman drops in at Jonathan Dayton

SIAIT Writer
Gov. Christine Whitman dropped
in at Jonathan Dayton High School
Friday morning to meet with two
kinds of seniors.

A mixed gathering of more than 100 of the township's senior citizens and Dayton senior students welcomed the governor during the school's first Senior Citizen Breakfast. The gover-nor arrived at 10 a.m. as the seniors, seated at tables covered by blue, yel-low, orange and green tableclothes

and topped by baskets of yellow flowers, break, asted over bagels and pastries in the school's cafeteria. A number of township officials were in attendance, including Superintendent of Schools Gary Firedland, Board of Education president Jacqueline Shanes, and board members Richard Falkin, Robert Fish and Steven Fischbein. Mayor Clara Harelik read a proclamation on behalf of Dayton's Senior Volunteer Club, whose 150-plus students share their time with the township's seniors, and

whose efforts made the breakfast pos-sible. Township Committeemen Roy Hirschfeld and Sy Mullman also were present, as was Dayton's principal, Charles Serson.

Whitman's arrival was greeted by friendly applause. She then slowly made her way around the tables, shaking nearly every hand, posing for pic-tures with seniors and students, chatting, and signing autographs.
"What a wonderful event this is,"

Whitman said as she arrived at the See GOVERNOR, Page 8

Challengers knock on v

By Kirsten Matthew Managing Editor There will be at least one new face on the Mountainside Borough Coun-

cil in 2001. With Councilman Ronald Romak bowing out on seeking a sixth term and as Republican incumbent Thomas Perrotta's term winds down, the two open seats are up for grabs by Demo-cratic candidates John Shackelford and Steven Brociner and Republican newcomer William Lane.

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In the borough's 105-year-history,
a Democrat has never been seated at
the councit table.

Perrotta, 34, a Wall Street bond
trader for the past 12 years, has lived
in Mountainside nearly all of his life.
The 14-year Fire Department volunterr was elected in 1997 after finishing the final year of Bob Beattie's
term.

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Perrotta said he will continue to monitor every future project brought before the council to insure that senior citizens and others won't be forced to relocate due to exorbitant property taxes. He remains focused on taking a proactive role in keeping Mountainside's aging sewer and drainage systems working property.

"I have the people of Mountainside's issues at heart. I want to do what's best for the town," the self-proclaimed "non-politician" has pledged, noting that there are not many borough issues that are either Democratic or Republican.

Shackelford, 60, a board member

Shackelford, 60, a board member of the New Jersey American Civil Liberties Union, is a management consultant with an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland. With a resume of business experience which includes three years as a professor of









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marketing and management at the University of Baltimore, doctoral work at Washington University and several years as a disability claims adjudicator in the Social Security Administration, Shackeflord said he would bring to the borough his "far-reaching experience in management planning and financial control."

He has stressed the importance of utilizing regional arrangements like shared services between boards of health, public works and police dispatches to reduce borough expenses. Shackeflord also intends to develop long-term maintenance programs on

all borough buildings and equipment.

In his fifth effort to attain a council In his fifth effort to attain a council seat, perennial candidate Steven Bro-ciner, 68, a veteran and East Hanover carpet store owner, said that more accountability is needed from the governing body. He has attributed such efforts as spearheading televised council sessions on Channel 35 and the choice of trash collection providers to what he's called "the loyal opposition" of the Democratic Party. Brociner said the borough no longer has the lowest effective tax rate in the county and emphasized that the See CANDIDATES, Page 8

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Mountainside polling places

The following is a list of Mountainside polling locations for Tuesday's General Election:

• Districts 1 and 6: Borrough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East, court room.

• Districts 2, 7, 8 and 9: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Central Avenue.

• Districts 3, 4 and 5: Presbyterian Church, Deer Path and Meeting House Lane, assembly room.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Planning Board gains new clout in borough

The Mountainside Planning Board now walks with a bigger stick. In their condusing re-examination of the borough's master plan Oct. 24, board members stumbled across some recently enacted state legislation that requires the Board of Education to submit its long-range facilities plan to the Planning, Board for its review and findings. Planning board members discovered the mandate while leafing through the Cotober issue of The New Jersey Planner, a bi-monthly publication produced for the state's local planning and zoning board members.

"This is really extraordinary, it's a pretty interesting stantte," Planning Board attorney Vincent Loughlin said.

Loughlin said the newly-enacted Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act amends the borough's summispla land use hav, requiring the Planning Board to decide whether the Board of Education's expansion plan for Board to decide whether the Board of Education's expansion plan for Board to decide whether the Board of Education's expansion plan for Board was a planning board to review capital improvements, Loughlin said. "You as the Planning Board must decide whether or not they've followed procedures that are appropriate for the community. It gives the Planning Board a hell of a lot of power."

The bill also applies to any state, country or municipal public agencies located in the borough. In part, the bill reads: "This requirement shall apply to action by a housing, parking, highway, special district, or other authority, redevelopment agency, school board or other similar public agency."

Planning Board member Theodone Zawrishka said that, according to the new ordinance, even the borough issaff would have to report to the Planning Board with its proposed facilities engansion plans. "A rown itself is not autonomous from its Planning Board," Zawrislak said that, according to the new ordinance, even the borough issaff would have to report to the Planning Board with its proposed facilities engansion plans. "A town itself is not autonomous from its Planning Board,"

Cool cats

Springfield siblings Altison, 3, and Daniel Cespedes, 2, enjoy the Halloween celebration Saturday afternoon at the Chisholm Community Center. Infants, toddlers and grade-schoolers participated in a perade and costume contest and received treats and gifts from the Springfield YMCA and the Springfield Recreation Department.

Few acts of violence reported at Dayton

By Joe Lagara
Staff Writer

According to the annual Violence, Vendalism and Substance Abuse Incident
Report, 11 incidents were reported as baving occurred throughout the Springfield School District during the 1999-2000 school year.
Five incidents each were recorded under the categories of violence and vandalism. No substance abuse violations were listed. There was one weaponrelated incident.
In the violence category, one incident of simple assault, one case of aggrastated assault and three fights were reported. The district was shown to be free of
gang-related violence, robbery, extraction; sex offense or threats. No firearms
were reported as having been possessed or used.

"I think the numbers are similar to last year," Superintendent of Schools Gary
Priedland said. "We have a low number of incidents in our schools."
All incidents listed in the report relate to Josathan Dayton High School.
"We're not talking about weapons or assaults," Friedland specified. "We're a
small personalized high school. Each student here is an individual. In a small
school, when the students are involved in athletics and clubs, you have a better
chance of reducing alicantion."

Two incidents of damage to property" were cited, as were three incidents of
theft. Vandalism incidents totaled \$300 in damage, with one incident alone
costing \$500, for which restitution was made.

"If we had \$100,000 in wandalism, it would cost the average homoowner
\$15, Friedland pointed out. "Any vandalism is an expense, but at this level,
under \$1,000, we're talking about a very small amount."

Although one weapon was included in the final tally, the weapon described
was actually a sone-existent both. The Jan. 3 incident resulted from an earlymorning phone call and the evacuations of all the district's schools.

Friedland said the caller — who has not been caught or identified — was not
from writhin the district's schools, but "a man above 30 years of age, with an
access."

Springfield Township Committee candidates jockey for positions

Polling stations in Springfield The following is a list of Springfield polling places for Tuesday's Gen-

 Districts 1 and 4: Presbyterian Parish House, Church Mall, lo level off parking lot.

Districts 2 and 3: Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall.

Districts 5 and 6: James Caldwell School, Caldwell Place, gym.

Districts 7, 8 and 9: Florence M. Gaudineer School, South Springeld Avenue, gym.

• Districts 10, 13 and 14: Edward V. Walton School, Mou venue, gym.

• Districts 11 and 12: Thelma L. Sandmeier School, South Springfield.

are seeking two seats on the ringfield Township Committee.

Democratic incumbents Roy Hirsc-hfeld and Gregory Clarks, each of

whom are completing their second terms, are being challenged by Repu-blicans Plorence Parsons and Kevin Scholla. Ference Ference and Kevin Scholla. Ference made her first run at elected office last year, when she was defeated by Democratic incumbent. Sy Mullman. Scholla ran with Tom Ryan in 1997, finishing third with an excess

of 2,500 votes. Independent Gary Butler is a first-time candidate run-

ning as a write-in.

Both Hirschfeld and Clarke have served as the township's mayor — Hirschfeld in 1997 and Clarke in

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Hirnchfeld in 1997 and Clarke in 1999. The mayor is elected to a oneyear term among the five members of the Township Committee. Democrats have held each seat on the committees since their swoop in the 1998 election.
Hirschfeld, a licensed marriage and family therspits, is the author of 'Healthy Loving," a recent book on marriages/one relationship with the Chamber of Commerce, and later wrote the grant that provided the township's relationship with the Chamber of Commerce, and later wrote the grant that provided the township with its jimey bus service from Duffy's Corner. Hirschfeld was also the moving force behind Spring-field's Permers' Market, which made its debut in the Jonathan Dayton High School perking lot this year.
Hirschfeld cited five "important

Democratic government in Spring-field: the notion of taking pride in Springfield as a community; improving road-

Commin it y; improving read-ways and public safety; enhancement of recreational services; continued control of the tax rate at the municipal level, despite disasters such at last year's Tropical Storm Flood, and the creation of new and innovative programs for the community such as the jimey, which Hirschfeld said has enhanced property values in the township.

Clarke, a 37-year resident of the township, retired from his social work position three years ago. The 65-year-old has referred to his work on the Township Commistee as "public ser-



Currently a member of the town-ship's Planning Board, Clarke is a proponent of the "consensas", with-out which he feels lasting progress will not be made on the township's "heavy issues"—issues he identified as changes to Polico Department functioning, commitment to the con-struction of the new firebouse on Mountain Avenue, and strong input in the budgeting process. Zoning and construction issues, sewer infrastruc-ture problems and employee contract

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as priorities.
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• Holy Cross Church, 639 Meuntain Ave., Springfield, hosts guest speaker Professor Anthony Coletta from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Coletta, a professor of education at Wilham Paterson University, will present "Understanding your child's learning style slarning style and temperament encouraging self-esteem, self-control and successful academics."

There is no cost to attend, but donations will be accepted. For more information and to register (al (973) 379-4525, Ext. 15.

• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, continues trailwork from 9:30 a.m. to

Road, Mountainside, continues trailwork from 9.30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers age 14 and up are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation. Participants should meet at the nature center and should bring lunch.

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a mug for a beverage, a showl, pickase and gloves, if available

Volunteers must pre-register by cailing (908) 789-3670.

Governor Livingston High School's Class of 2001 hosts a
used clothing drive to benefit Project Graduation at the Berkeley Heights Community Center, 29 Park Ave. from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. The public is urged to bring wearable, used clothing, Items to be collected include all clothing, shoes, belts, table linens, curtains and stuffed animals. Items should not be torn or stained and must be delivered in plastic hags. No pillows or blankets

information, call Sonya McLuskey at (908)

For more information, call Sonya McLuskey at (908) 653-9481.

• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross hosts a "CPR for the Professional Rescuer" certification course from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the chapter house, 321 Elm St. Westfield.

The course is intended for individuals who have a duty to respond to an emergency as part of their job. Interested individuals should call (908) 232-7090.

• The Township of Springfield's Cable TV Committee along with the Springfield and Union chambers of commerce sponsor a children's musical concert for the schools and the community at 1 p.m. at the Jonathan Dayton High School auditorion.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 per child. For ticket information, call the Chamber of Commerce at (908) 352-0900.

Sunday

• Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Social Action Committee, 78 S. Springfield Ave. Springfield, hosts a brunch and lecture. Guest speaker Professor Eugene Lieber will speak on "The Black Experience. From Africa, to Slavery, to Freedom."

A suggested donation for admission is \$3. For more information, call the temple office at (97)3 379-3387. Advance reservations are requested and checks should be made payable to Temple Sha'arey Shalom' \$8. Springfield Ave. Springfield, 70081.

• Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence

07081.

Trailiside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside, hosts a mineral show from noon to 5 p.m. Participants can hear about mining lore and history, view gemstone cuting and rock and mineral displays and walk a trail with a staff guide to learn about the rocks of the Watchung Mountains.

Admission is \$1 per person. Children age 6 and under are free.

- The Springfield Board of Education meets for a conference meeting at 7.30 pm in the board meeting room at Jonathan Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave. A discussion with the architect of the field and track rehabilitation project is planned.
- Tuesday

 General Election Day.

 The Springfield Board of Health meets for a regular monthly meeting at 7 pm in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N.

 Trivett Ave

Upcoming events

- The Mountainside Planning Board will meet for a regular
- monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Halt, 1385 Route 22 East.

 Nov. 10

 The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host a creative dramatics workshop for children in kindergarten to grade 3 at 10.10 am. Laurie Hardy of Youth Stages will give the audience a fun-filled hour of creative dramatics using music, acting, props and imagination to tell the story of "Stone Soup."

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 Nov. 11

 The Veterans of Foreign Wars 7683 of Springfield will host memorial services for Veterans Day 11 a.m. at Veterans Park on Mountain Avenue and Shunpike Road.

 VFW members, the American Legion Post 228, the Springfield Elix 2004 Color Guard and the Springfield Boy Scouts Troop 73 will participate.

 The public is welcome to attend.

 Nov. 13

 The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building. 20 N. Trivett Ave.

 The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct an adult CPR and diffibrillator training course from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chapter House, 321 Elm St. Westfield. The cost is \$40. For more information call the Red Cross at (908) 323-7090.

 Nov. 14

 The Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will continue its lunchume video series at noon with episode three of "New York."

 Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the performance, Coffee and croditis will be prosided the reference.

- Participants should bring a brown bag lunch to the performance. Coffee and cookies will be provided. For information, call (973) 376-4930.
- call (1/3) 3/0-4930.

 The Springfield Township Committee will meet for a regular meeting, called the "Senior Citzen Meeting," in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. The time is still to be announced.

 The Mountainside Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

Nov. 15
 The Jonathan Dayton High School PTSO will host its annual Bulldog Basket Bonanza at 6:30 p.m. at the school, 100 Mountain Ave. Springfield.

The event benefits Project Graduation and the scholarship fund. Admission is \$10 and includes sandwiches, dessert, coffect, tea and soda. Tickets will be on sale through tomorrow from 2:30 to 4:00 at the school. For more information call Debbie at (973) 467-4248.

Nov. 16
• The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red

Cross will conduct a training course in basic first aid from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Chapter House, 321 Elin St., Westfield. The cost

\$30. For more information call the Red Cross at (908) 232-7090

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- Chapter House, 32 LEM St., Westfield. The cost is \$30, \$45 and \$60. respectively.

 For more information call the Red Cross at (908) 232-7090. Nov. 19

 The Rosary Society at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Central Avenue, Mountainside, will host a pancake breakfast after the 9:300 a.m. mass in the all-purpose room.

 Tickets will be sold in advance after all masses. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 tor children.

 The Donald B. Palmer Museum at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will host a play at 2 p.m. by the South Street Players called "The Darles of Adam & Eve."

 Admission will be free by ticket only. Tickets are available at the circulation desk. the circulation desk.
- Nov. 20

 The Springfield Board of Education will meet for a regular The Springfield Board of Education
 meeting at 730 p.m. in the board meeting from at Jonathan
 Dayton High School, 125 Mountain Ave. A public hearing on
 the field and track rehabilitation referendum is planned.
 The Springfield Environmental Commission will meet for a
- monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.

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 Nov. 21

 The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a work session at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. This meeting date had to be changed.

 The Springfield Board of Adjustment will meet for a regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. 100 Mountain Ave.

 Nov. 23
- Nov. 23

 Thanksgiving Day.

 Nov. 24

 The 10-year reunion of the Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1990 will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight at Mayfair Farms. 481 Eagle Rock Ave. West Orange. Tickets are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance by sending a check made payable to the JDRHS Reunion Class of 1990, 159 Old Stirling Road, Warren. 07059, no later than Nov. 3.

 For more information call (908) \$42-0753.

- Nov. 27

 The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Annex Building, 20 N. Trivett Ave.
- Nov. 28

 The Springfield Township Committee will meet for an executive session at 7:30 p.m. followed by a regular meeting in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain
- Ave.

 The Mountainside Borough Council will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 East. This meeting date had to be changed.

 The Mountainside Board of Education will meet for a regular meeting at 8 p.m. in the media center at Deerfield School, 302 Central Ave.

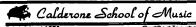
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Injunction looms for truck center

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer
The Township of Springfield is
planning to enforce some of its parking and zoning regulations regarding
the Springfield Truck Center this
week. Whether all of its ordinances
would be applied, however, may
depend on the outcome of an injunction hearing before Union County
Assignment Judge Edward Beglin Jr.
tomorrow morning
Max Sherman, attorney for the
truck center, is asking Beglin to
cerosisder at least part of his own ruling of Sept 27, but declined to discuss
details proto to the hearing scheduled
for 9 a.m.
While Sherman declined to comment, Springfield Township Attorney
While Sherman declined to com-

while sperman declined to com-ment, Springfield Township Attorney Brace Bergen said the injunction involves two aspects of Beglin's ruling "One condition the center attorney

is asking for reconsideration on con-cerns selling trucks from the proper-ty," said Bergen, "The other concerns the use of the former Lyons lot across Morris Avenue from the center."

Bergen said the township is willing

to wait until Beglin decides to recon sider or pass on the provisions in

question. Otherwise, said the attorney. Springfield's zonting and/or police offices are prepared to enforce the ordinances as interpreted by Beglin.

The injunction and Beglin's ruling are the latest legal turns Springfield Trucking Center and the township have been engaged in over the last six years. The center, owned by the Briggs family, has been a motor vehicle sales, renal and service facility since the 1930s. What had included a falling station and a Crostey dealership has evolved to a General Motors and Mistushish truck dealership. A Penske rental outfit and a repara get for most other trucks.

Besides the garage and office building, the center stores new, used or customer vehicles on five other neighboring lots on Keeler and Salter stress and Morris Avenue. Most of those lots are adjucent to residential areas, whose neighbors begain complaining between 1994 and 1996. The township first responded by passing a four-ton weight restriction for Keeler and Salter streets in 1094.

The complaints ranged from center mechanics working on trucks outside of the garage to illegal parking and

storage to trucks running over and breaking curbs. One of the complainments was longitum resident and current. Township Zoning Officer Richard Coan.

After a wave of tectes, violations, and summonss in 1997 and 1998, the center and the township agreed to bundle the violations and go for a hearing in Union County Superior Court. Beglin presided over the civil rial in January and issued his ruling Sept. 27.

Beglin, in his 18-page ruling, said some of the lots enjoyed protected nonconforming use — due to a grand-father clause. But the center never sought municipal permission for truck-related sales or rentals. Beglin in the ruled that "any and all parking and storage of vehicles" on three lots cease; the ruling also prevents the center from storage of vehicles of the repair work.

When asked about business this week, owner Bruce Briggs said he took down the outdoor Penske rental signs but still services the fleet's trucks. Briggs said he was willing to further comment once the matter is fully resolved.



A 9 a.m. hearing tomorrow before Union County Assignment Judge Edward Beglin Jr. will determine whether operating restrictions will be placed on the Springfield Truck Center. The dispute over the township's parking and zoning regulations lies in whether or not the center may use the adjacent former Lyons parking lot and whether trucks can be sold from the property.

Township Committee starts jitney bus negotiation process with NJ Transit

The Springfield Township Committee is gearing up for talks with NJ Transit regarding its jitney bus

Transit regarding its jitney bus service.

The jitney, which departs every morning from Duffy's Corner, taking commuters to the Short Hills Train Station, came into being last year with a \$50,000 grant from NJ Transit. The service got off to a slow start, but an increasing awareness of program among train commuters has resulted in a current indership of approximately 700 commuters a month. "We've started the process of negotiations," Mayor Clara Harelik said. "We wanted to get an earlier start, but we've had to wait for NJ Transit began its jitney review process by first began its jitney review process by first contacting communities that do not yet have the service.

The township's three-year grant

expires in March. Harelik said the dollar amount for each year's operat-ing expenses has gradually been towered. "We've proven we've run a good

lowered.
"We've proven we've run a good service." Harelik said. "But what kind of grant can we get? I'd say I'm cautuously optimistic. I can't say I can guarantee It, but with the ridership increase. I think we can persuade them to keep it going — that's our oasl."

them to keep it going — that's our goal."

In regard to the number of rulers who have spoken on behalf of the jitney at Township Committee meetings, Harelik said, "They've shown some concern that we're not doing enough to keep the service — but we don't get the grant, we'll have to look at the way putting the service in the budget will cut into taxpayer dollars."

"There's a question as to whether there will be a grant renewal," Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld.

who wrote the jitney grant, said. "If there's no grant, I'll still push for the jitney because I think it's an essential

jitteey because I think it's an essential service."

The service has resulted in some debate between riders and non-riders, with non-riders expressing their concern about having to foot the bill if a second grant is not secured. Another problem involves Morris Avenue merchants, who continue to be dissatisfied with last year's decision by the Township Committee to designate 56 Duffy's Corner parking spaces for jitney use.

The increased ridership has once again made parking an issue, with the Township Committee looking at several possible areas, including the parking lot at the Springfield Municipal Pool, for extra spaces. The search for additional parking, however, does not mean the Township Committee is looking to add another jitney bus right now.

"I'd like to take this one bus at a time." Harelik said. "Only if I'm sure we have the first bus, will we think about a possible second. If we think we can have a second bus from a financial perspective, then we'll certainly look into it." "There are people who use the jitney every once in a while, but how many use it every day?" Township Committeeman Gregory Clarke said,

during a recent visit to the offices of the Echo Leader. "If there are, say, 40 people using it for everyday rides, then that's great substadion. It's one very vocal group that's getting subsidized. We have a limited number of individuals here. All mass transit systems are subsidized, but how far can you go for these 40 people?"

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Serving residents who ride the train to their jobs in New York City and

in those areas. Supporters of the jit-ney, however, have cited the extra value the service has provided to property values.
Clarke, for one, is not convinced of

the importance of easy city access and the notion of increased property val-ues. "The natural reason for a city has changed over time," he pointed out.

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Clarke, Hirschfeld

With weighty issues such as improvements within the Police Department, Fire Department and the downtown district facing the Township of Springfield, residents need the combined strong and effective leadership of Democratic incumbents Gregory Clarke and Roy Hirschfeld to serve on the Springfield Township Committee.

With more than a dozen years of combined municipal government experience, the two committeemen helped to spearhead innovative ideas and programs such as Take Pride in Springfield, the jitney bus for commuters, the First Responder Program and the hirring of the township's first full-time administrator. Each incumbent has consistently demonstrated, through their voiced input, a solid commitment to improving the quality of life for current and future ment to improving the quality of life for current and future residents of Springfield.

ment to improving the quality of life for current and future residents of Springfield.

With Clarke's past leadership on the Board of Education, and his current position on the Planning Board and Town-ship Committee, residents have been impacted by his efforts to forge an alliance with the schools to set up additional programming; to create a Beautification Committee to make improvements to the downtown area; and to sponsor legislation such as a towing ordinance that requires stranded motorists to be informed of their right to be towed to a location of their choice, and an anti-nepotism regulation that makes it unlawful for relatives of township employees to be

hired for a township job.

During the past six years, Hirschfeld has initiated recrea During the past six years. Hirschied has initiated recrea-tional improvements such as the upgrading of the municipal pool, teen programming at the Chisholm Center and the poli-cy changes that resulted in bringing the township's play-ground equipment into compliance with state safety stan-dards. He wrote the grants for the jitney bus and Farmer's Market — both of which have been a great success. Through Clarke's and Hirschfeld's terms, the tax rate has

witnessed no increase despite extensive damage wrought by

Tropical Storm Floyd.

Both candidates deserve to make their visionary enhancements for the township a reality. Consensus among commit-tee members will be vital in order to institute the changes that are needed to better the Police Department, to revitalize

the downtown and to secure a new modern day firehouse.

We encourage all voters to cast their ballots for Clarke and Hirschfeld Tuesday.

Shackelford and Perrotta

For more than one century, the Borough of Mountainside has been controlled by an all-Republican Borough Council. One-party government hears no dissenting voices or diversity of opinion.

ty of opinion.

We believe it's time for that to change in Mountainside. That change can best begin if residents cast their votes Tues-day for Democrat John Shackelford and Republican incum-Thomas Perrotta.

bent Thomas Perrotta.

While the borough's taxes still remain among the lowest in the county, they threaten to increase again next year. Shackelford believes new ideas are imperative to curb what he calls the borough's "borrow and spend philosophy." He has proposed reducing expenses by sharing more services with, her communities; extraordinary legal and engineering fees could be contracted on a bidding basis.

As a management consultant with an MBA, Shackelford has the necessary background in finance to make lasting change in the development of long-term capital projects. He suggests that the public's right to know has been violated because of the lack of debate and discussion among council members, specifically regarding the recent issuance of a

members, specifically regarding the recent issuance of a \$5.7 million bond to finance street and sewer repairs. He believes a fresh outlook is needed to bring better services to

Perotta has served on the council since 1997. A 14-ye volunteer of the Fire Department, he emphasizes that the borough needs to take more active measures to recruit volunteers to the dwindling volunteer base in its emergency volunteer agencies. As a bonds tradesman on Wall Street, he recognizes the importance of keeping the tax base at a reasonable level and has pledged to monitor every project brought before the council to ensure that residents get the biggest bang for their buck. Perrotta has lived in the borough for 30 years and insists that he has the people of Mountainside at heart and will always do what's best for the town if

These two candidates deserve to be voted into the two open seats on the Borough Council on Election Day.

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A CHIT CHAT — Gov. Christine Whitman spends some time chatting with toddlers from the Summit Child Care Center at Jonathan Dayton High School in Springfield. Whitman took a walking tour of the school Friday morning after attending the first Senior Citizen Breakfast.

Mirabella, Shackell and Dill for freeholder

Union County voters have swept Democrats into countywide offices during the last five years. The party holds every constitutional office in Union County as well as each of the nine seats on the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The GOP has quietly been fad-

the Board of Chosen Frecholders. The GOP has quetily been tad-ing from county government.

Voters should change this pattern in Tuesday's election by electing Republicans Wally Shackell and Al Dill to the freeholder board. We encourage voters to return incumbent Democrat Alex-ander Mirabella to the board as well.

All three have experience at the municipal level, having served and their town's governing bodies. Mirabella has been a strong advocate for the parks and among the most accessible freeholders during his first term. He also chairman of the Fiscal Affairs Committee last year when the freeholders did not increase the county

A former mayor of Cranford, Shackell stresses the need for two-party representation on the board; not an obstructionist but simply a differing viewpoint. He also talks about being frugal with your money, and his government for decades. and his work experience has been in county

Dill is an adamant opponent of the current freeholder board's practice of awarding no-bid contracts, a practice that must be reigned in. While not illegal by any means, no-bid contracts allow Democrats to reward contributors and other supporters. The freebelief as to evad continuous and other supporters. The rec-holders wasted \$125,000 of your money on a public relations firm connected to the Democratic Parry's political consultants to pro-duce commercials and brochures about Public Question No. 3, the proposed Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust

A classic example of one-party control's drawbacks is the public question itself. Parks and recreation is one of the few issues that draw constituents' attention enough to attend a freeholder meeting. When freeholders passed the resolution to present the

referendum, not once did any one of the nine members mention referendum, not once and any one of the nine memoers mention that the question that was approved would straddle taxpayers for 20 years. All the while, the largest audience at a freeholder meeting in recent memory believed the board voted on a 10-year trust fund. It was neither underhanded nor did it appropriate or spend money, but it was a clear example of how the nine freeholders are like. Stenford wives in their invavaging agreement with virtually like Stepford wives in their unwavering agreement with virtually no public discussion. The board desperately needs another point

The majority of voters have decided in the recent past to award The majority of voters have decluded in the recent past to award Democrats full control of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. But the majority of the electorate, at times only one-third of the total registered voters participating, is by no means an adamant stamp of approval. The board is in dire need of two-party representation. On Tuesday, residents should cast ballots for Mirabella, Dill and Sheekell.

Rajoppi for clerk

During Joanne Rajoppi's term, the County Clerk's Office has generated record amounts of revenue, pouring more than \$10 million into the county's general fund. At the same time, the office has been recognized nationally for its innovations in technology, Voters would do well to return Democrat Rajoppi to another fiveyear term in office.

year term in office.

Despite the checkered history of the merger of the county's register of deeds and mortgages with the county clerk, the clerk has performed admirably the past five years.

Technology will be advancing even more in the coming years, helping to bring the clerk's better services closer to Union County residents. While many people may not even know what the clerk's duties are, it is a post that if no one notices, it likely means the job is being done well.

one; no on two Yes on state question

When voters go to the polls Tuesday, they will be asked to choose who they believe should be the next President of the United States and U.S. Senator for New Jersey. They also will be asked to cast a vote for how they want their tax dollars spent and how information about convicted sex offenders should be disseminated.

State referendum question one concerns how gas taxes collected from petroleum products and sales taxes from autor lected from petroleum products and sales taxes from automotive-related purchases should be spent. A vote yes on this question would dedicate as much as \$400 million a year on projects to improve the transportation system in the state, which includes highways, bridges and rail lines, as well as encouraging the use of and improving mass transportation. It dedicates existing tax revenues; it does not impose a new tax.

New Jersey, especially our county, is the host to a major transportation throughway on the East Coast. For this area to succeed, dependable infrastructure is important for the economy to survive and continue to grow, especially with Newark International Airport and Port Newark so close to home.

When these taxes on petroleum were imposed a decade ago they should have been dedicated to improve the transportation

The second state referendum question would allow us to amend the state constitution and give the Legislature the power to to disseminate information about convicted sex offenders in whatever

way.

While it may be an overwhelming feeling to alert the public on While it may be an overwhelming feeling to alert the public on the whereabouts of these offenders, putting their names on the Internet could be viewed as a violation of their civil rights. Already in place is a specific program to notify police departments, community groups, day care centers and, in the most serious cases, neighborhood residents should a convicted sex offender move into the community.

The crimes these people have committed cannot be excused, but the Legislature should put forward a more specific program for the public to vote on. The question on the ballot would give

Trenton too much leeway and could spawn legislation that resemwitch hunt. Vote no on this question.

Recreation is a priority but a tax is a tax

The last thing we want to do is give the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders more money. But that's what they'd be get-ting if voters approve the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund referendum on Election Day. Public Question No. 3, the Union County Open Space referen-

Public Question No. 3, the Union County Open Space referen-dum, causes us some consternation as it is proposed — enough to ask voters to vote no on Tuesday's ballot. By no means are we against open space or recreation. Certain-ly, the issues are paramount in a county such as Union, where open space is vanishing and recreation is a large part of residents' lives. However, we do not agree with the trust fund's additional assessment of 1.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value for the next 20

The idea behind a trust fund is that it would create a dedicated The idea behind a trust fund is that it would create a dedicated revenue source for the parks system, regardless of which party is in power or what the county budget will look like. The 1.5-cent assessment per \$100 of assessed value will mean the average Union County property owner will contribute approximately \$24 per year to the trust fund. However, that figure is an average and homeowners in some municipalities will be paying more because of the higher values of their homes.

For all the money the county spent on its informational cam-

paign for the trust fund, no one seemed to mention the fact that in the future, taxpayers will be paying page the the future, taxpayers will be paying more than simply an addition-al \$24 per year. What was your home assessed at 10 or 20 years ago? Surely, the average household will chip in far more than \$24 annually in the future, meaning the trust fund will generate more

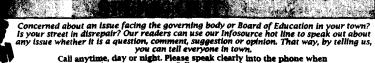
annually in the future, meaning the trust fund will generate more than \$5 million annually.

The term open space in the name of the trust fund is a misnomer. The phrase alone will be enough to garner a significant amount of votes, but less than 15 percent of the more than \$100 million generated during the life of the fund actually will be used to acquire land. Voters must understand that the lion's share of money will be used to fund capital improvements and projects within the existing county parks system as recommended in the county's master plan. county's master plan.

county's master plan.

The public question stipulates that funds can be used for acquiring land, developing acquired land and maintaining land acquired through the trust fund. The vagueness of this "maintenance" should not allow the county to fund the budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation through this trust fund.

The county can come up with a better proposal to present to voters in the future. Until then, residents should vote no on Public Question No. 3.



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Jerry Baron

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

The following is the lunch menu for Springfield's schools for November: Elementary schools Today: Hamburger on bun, buttered corn, fresh fruit, milk. Friday: Checsy pizza, mixed vegetables, pears, milk. Monday: Chicken nuggets, bread, potuto rounds, applesauce. Tuesday: Early dismissal — no lunch served. Wednesday: Cheeseburger on bun, corn, chiled fruit, milk. Nov. 9 and 10: NJ.E.A. convention—school closed.

— school closed. Nov. 13: Hot dog on bun, baked beans, applesauce. milk. Nov. 14: Chicken nuggets, 1/2 slice pizza, carrots, fruit, milk. Nov. 15: Meatballs, hero roll, grape juice, pincapple, milk.

Nov. 16: Spaghetti meatsauce and bread, green beans, chilled pears, milk.

Nov. 17: Pizza, tossed salad, peach-

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Nov. 20: Cheese steak on bun, potato rounds, fresh fruit, milk.

Nov. 21: Chicken paty on bun, mixed vegetables, peaches, milk.

Nov. 22: Early dismissal — No lunch served.

Nov. 23 and 24: Thanksgiving recess — School closed.

Nov. 27: Macaroni and cheese, dinner roll, orange juice, apricots, milk. Nov. 28: Hot dog on bun, potato salad, pineapple, milk. Nov. 29 and 30: Early dismissal —

Cold Sandwich: Monday, salami; Tuesday, bologna; Wednesday, chick-

en salad; Thursday, turkey; Friday,

Middle school
Today: Grilled cheese, buttered corn, fruit juice, applesauce. Friday, Rib B-Que on a bun, potato rounds, fruit juice, chilled peaches. Monday: Chicken nugget, grobeans, fruit juice, chilled fruit. Tuesday: Early dismissal — No lunch served.
Wednesday: Chicken patty on a roll, sliced carrots, fruit juice, chilled fruit.

fruit.
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school closed.
 Nov. 13: Cheese steak on a roll, mixed vegetables, fruit juice, sweet

Nov. 14: Chicken patty on a bun, garden salad, fruit juice, peaches.

Nov. 15: Meatball hero, potato ounds, fruit juice, mixed fruit. Nov. 16: Spaghettl/meatsauce, let-uce, tomato, cheese, fruit juice,

Nov. 17: Nacho with cheese, carrol

Nov. 17: Nacho with cheese, carrot sticks, fresh juice, pears. Nov. 20: Rib-B-Que on a bun, green peas, fruit juice, sweet pineapple. Nov. 21: Chicken patry on a bun,

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Nov. 30: Fried chicken/bread, steamed carrots, fruit juice, mixed

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

Foothill fund-raiser today

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The Foothill Club of Mountainside
will meet at noon today at B.G. Fields
restaurant in Westfield for its monthly
meeting and luncheon.
The club's annual fund-raiser "A
Christmas Boulique," will be conducted. featuring new and nearly new
items. Members are also reminided to
bring items for the thankgiving
baskers which will be distributed to
needy families in Mountainside.
On Nov. 17, the club will take a bus
trip to the Sight and Sound Millen-

nium Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. The cost will be \$75 per person and will include the Miracle of Christmas, the Christmas Water Show, and dinner at the Plain and Fancy restaurant. Interested individuals are encouraged to sign up by calling Ruth Conner at (908) 233-525.

aged to sign up by calli Goense at (908) 233-5253.

Hazak receives grant

The Hazak Chapter of Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield, in conjunction with Kean University, has received a HEART grant from the

Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Hazak is a group within the temple community whose membership is open to all those 55 years of age and

This grant will partly fund a lecture series entitled "From Generation to Generation" to be conducted at the temple on six Monday evenings from November through April. The series is designed to help grandparent transmit to their grandchildren information on salient events of their life-

times, as well as values and ideas that are significant to them.

At the first lecture, on Nov. 27 at 8 p.m., Professor Michael Israel of Kean University will speak on "War Crimes: The Legacy of Nuremberg." Israel, director of the Criminal Justice Progam at Kean University, is a criminologist who has been on the Kean faculty for 32 years.

All lectures are open to the entire community at no charge. For directions or more information, call (973) 376-0538, Ext. 11.



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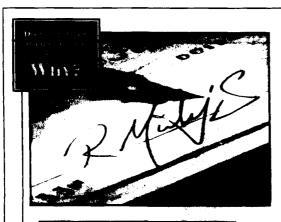
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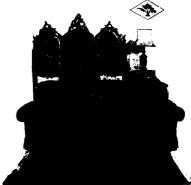
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OBITUARIES

John M. Stillwell Jr.

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John M. Stillwell Jr., 78, of Spring-field died Oct. 20 in Overlook Hospi-tal. Summit.

Born in Kearny, Mr. Stillwell moved to Springfield in 1964. He worked for Morgan Junes Inc., New York City, for 42 years and retired as vice president in 1992. Mr. Stillwell also was a manager of Talon Products Inc., a division of Textron Inc., New York City, before retiring. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Colby College in Maine, where he had been captain of the basebalt team and a member of Alpha Tau Omega Frater-nity. Mr. Stillwell also attended Har-vard University Business Manage-ment School, Cambridge, Mass. He was a captain with the Head-

ment School, Cambridge, Mass.

He was a captain with the Head-quarter Squadron, First Marine Air Wing in the Marine Corps during World War II and served in the Solo-mon Islands of Guadacanal. Bougain-villea, Philippines, and Okinawa. Mr. Stillwell was a member of the Sales Executive Club of New York City and the American Legion J.E. Frobishen Post, Kearny, for 40 years.

John A. Greco

John A. Greeo
John A. Greco, 72, of Springfield
died Oct. 21 at home.
Bom in Newark, Mr. Greco moved
to Springfield in 1990. He was a travel
agem for Vailsburg Travel. Newark,
for 30 years before retining. Mr. Greco
was an Army veteran of the Korean
War.
Surviving are three sisters, Edith
LaMonte. Josephine Leichter and
Marie La Salle, and his companion.
Fran Abrams.

Robert C. Eckman

Robert C. Eckman, 91, of Spring-field died Oct. 24 in the Manor Care Nursing Home, Mountainside.

Bom in Allentown, Pa., Mr. Eckman lived in Newark before moving to Springfield 50 years ago. He was a vault clerk with Engelhard Industries, Newark, for 47 years and retired in 1974.

1974.
Mr. Eckman served as a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was on the bowling teams of the American Legion and Engelhard Industries.
Surviving are two sons. Robert C. and Donald B., and two grandchildren.

Anthony DI Taranto

Anthony Di Taranto, 81. of Mountainside died Oct. 24 at home.
Born in Newark, Mr. Di Taranto lived in Mountainside for 37 years.
He owned and operated Arrow Mill He owned and operated Arrow Mill Fabricators Sheet Metal, Newark, for

Fabricators Sheet Metal, Newark, for 55 years.
Surviving aze a son, Anthony Jr.; four brothers, Frank, Jimmy, Jerry and Rocco; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Albert J. Benninger

Albert J. Benninger II.
Albert J. Benninger, 91. of Brick,
formerly of Mountainside, died Oct.
24 in Brick Hospital.
Born in Newark, Mr. Benninger
lived in Mountainside before moving
to Brick 29 years ago. He owned and
operated the Benninger-Ansey Insurance Co., Mountainside, for more
than 30 years before retiring.

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Mr. Benninger also was director of the Union County Board of Freeholders in the 1950s, a Union County campaign manager for Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1952 and magistrate for the borough of Mountainside in the 1940s. He was one of the first recipients of a nuclear-powered pacernalizer at Beth Israel Medical Center, Newark, and president of the Pacemaker Club in Newark.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Sizabeth; a son, Peter C.: a daughter, Many B. Howard, five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Gina Gehrig

Gina Gehrig. 20, of Summit, died Oct. 24 in Clars Maass Medical Center, Belleville.

Born in Livingston, Miss Gehrig lived in Belleville and Union before moving to Summit II Oyears ago. She was a 1997 graduate of Summit High School and attended Green Mountain College, Pollomey, Vt.

Surviving are her mother, Peggy S. Caria-Kopanycia; her father, Louis R. Gehrig Sr; her stepfather, Peter R. Kopanycia; a sizer, Roseanne; a brother, Louis S. Jr.; two half-sisters,

Acopanycia; a sister, Roseanne; a brother, Louis R. Jr.; two half-sisters, Donna Gehrig and Denise Callaghan, and her grandparents, Nicholas and Betty Caria and Marjorie and David Denton.

Judith Bailey

Judith Bailey of Washingto Township, formerly of Summit, die Oct. 17 at home.

Form in Staten Island, Mrs. Bailey ed in Summit, Venice, Fla., and

Short Hills before moving to Washington Township in 1997. She was a member of Friends of Millburn Library, the Millburn-Short Hills Historical Society, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Morristown, the North New Jersey Chapter of Planned Parentitional Federation of Planned Parentitional Federation of America and the Short Hills Chub. She also was active in Girl Scout leadership, During Gov, Thomas Kean's administration, Mrs. Bailey was the deputy director of consumer affairs. Surviving are her husband, Hol-

Surviving are her husband, Hol-mes, and two daughters, Dr. Alison Bailey and Katherine.

Michael J. Yannotta

Michael J. Yannotta. 63, of Palm Bay, Fla., formerly of Summit, a retired Summit Police officer, died Oct. 21 at home Born in Summit, Mr. Yannotta lived in Palm Bay since 1988. He was reured from the Palm Bay Police Department after being a member of the Summit Police Department.

Mr. Yannotta served in the Navy He was a member of the Policemen Benevolent Association, Summit, and

the Knights of Columbus Council.

Surviving are his wife, Terri, and two brothers. James and Peter.



Three-year-old Calvin Wang of Summit sports his Halloween costume during Saturday's Halloween Fun Day in downtown Summit. Balloon artists, clowns and face painters entertained children who came for the free treats, tricks and fun.

STUDENT UPDATE

Students attend festival

A day of immersion in the process of creating, reading, and thinking about poetry was enjoyed by the 18 Summit High School students who attended the Dodge Poetry Festival in late. Seatember.

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The festival, which is conducted every two years, attracts international-ly known and emerging poets from around the world. The festival is held in the historic Waterloo Village in Stanbore.

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The students who attended were Thevor Clive, Heather Foy, Padma Jones, Rebecca Lant. Allison Lemons, Aubrey Lynch, Terry Lynch, Erry Lynch, Erry Lynch, Frist in McDermott, Andrew McCelvey, Nadia Mohammad, Massiel Munoz, Noel Poyner, Yagida Pacheco, Donald Richards, Julia Warren, and Ted Weiland. They were accompanied by Summit High English teacher Lilt Arkin, English Department Chair Eleanor Haugh, and parent Anne Poyner.

Featured at his year's festival were Owendolyn Brooks, the first black become to receive a Pulitzer Prize and the first black woman to be named U.S. Poet Laureate. Also appearing were Stanley Kunitz, the current U.S. Poet Laureate, and Pulitzer Prize winning

poets Yusef Komunyaka and C.K. williams, as well as New Jersey's first Poet Laureate, Gerald Stern. The day is structured so students are assigned to various tents, where poets read and speak about their poems and then answer questions from the audience. The workshops span a wide range of interests such as Music/Voice/Poetry Exploration, Hip Hop. The Art of Preestyling, Poetry and Politics, and Story-telling. As a follow-up, in the spring. Summit High School will conduct its own poetry festival, bringing in six Dodge Poets to present a full day of workshops.

The festival will be open to all stu-

workshops.

The festival will be open to all students in the school and will provide an opportunity to hear readings by prominent professional poets as well as work in small groups.

Varley achieves honor

Summit resident Daniel Varley, a Delbarton senior, has qualified for the College Board's AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher.

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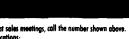
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Governor tours school

(Continued from Page 1) podium. Referring to the diversity of ages and interests in the room. Whitman quoted former U.S. President. New Jersey governor and League of Nations' creator Woodrow Wilson's observation that "Flendship is the only cement that will hold the world together."

"We sometimes think our differences are huge and insurmountable, but what an opportunity this event offers," Whitman said, referring to the shared experiences between the two age groups "This is the kind of reaching out you want to see in a community"

The governor also quoted her own favorite saying: "New Jersey has many faces, but we're one family." I have siblings, and we've fought, but the bottom line is, we're family, "Whitman told the gathering." There are over 150 different languages spo-

are over 150 different languages spo-ken in New Jersey — we have a won-

derful tapestry of cultures we can tap

Whitman presented the school with Whitman presented the school with a flag on which the "Many faces, one family" slogan was emblazoned, and received in return a Dayton school blanket, a bouquet of flowers and a tiny stuffed likeness of Dayton's mascot, Hercules.

Whitman's final words, as she pre-Whitman's final words, as she pre-pared to take a brief walking tour of Dayton, were directed toward the community's senior citizens. "Seniors, you've done so much for this state and for this country — I want to thank you particularly."

After posing for photographs with Dayton students, Whitman began her walking tour of the school. On the main floor, she dropped in unan-nounced on Linda Axelrad's Spanish class, and then posed for a large group photo on the school's front stairs with

Numerous calls answered

Springfield
The Fire Department sent a pumper to Summit on a request from Union County Mutual Aid Saturday. One call for an activated airbo minoxide detector also were answered.

• Firefighters responded to Route Fiday. There was one medical service call.

• A leaf fire and a dumpster fire were both extinguished during the early morning hours of Oct. 26. One call for an activated fire alarm and three medical service calls.

- handled.

 The department answered three medical service calls Oct. 25.

 One motor vehicle accident and three medical service calls were answered Oct. 24.
- The department assisted the Summit Fire Department at the scene of a blaze that destroyed two of three buildings on Springfield Avenue Oct.

 There was one motor vehicle accident and three medical service calls.
- The department responded to a Sherwood Road residence for a Sherwood Road residence for a reported electrical problem Oct. 22. There was one activated fire alarm.
- · One motor vehicle accident, two medical service calls and one call for an activated alarm were answered
- The department responded to
- The department responded to a Springfield Avenue business Oct. 16 for an accident involving a vehicle shearing off a gas meter. There was one medical service response.
 A brush fire on Route 78 East was extinguished by the department at 10 am. Oct. 15. A reported odor sent firefighters to a Route 22 West business 11 minutes later.

Mountainside

The Fire Department responded to a Maple Court residence at 9:36 p.m. Saturday on a report of a mal-

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functioning stove. The appliance would not shut off; firefighters turned off the stove's gas. Shower steam touched off a smoke alarm at an Outlook Drive residence earlier in the

- look Lrive resonant day.

 A faulty propane tank valve caused a small fire at a Creek Bed Road address Friday. The fire was extinguished by the department without incident. No injuries were

- extinguished by the department without incident. No injuries were reported.

 Firefighters responded to Summin Road on a report of a fire to an antique 1960 Ferrari Oct. 26. The vehicle's brake line had burned, but was extinguished by the time of the department's arrival. No damage was reported to the vehicle.

 An opened fire hydrant on Blazo Terrace reportedly opened by a juvenile— was closed by firefighters at 9:23 p.m. Oct. 25.

 Report of a burning odor in the second-floor stairway of a Puddingstone residence revealed no fire Oct. 24. Firefighters alrend the homeowner to a number of exposed wires in an activated alarm at a New Providence Road residence was also answered.

 The department provided station coverage for the Springfield Fire Department Oct. 22.

 A motor vehicle accident resulting in some downed power lines and a fluid spill was handled by the department Oct. 20.

 Firefighters responded to a Revens Wood residence for an acti-

- Firefighters responded to a Ravens Wood residence for an activated carbon monoxide detector Oct. 17.

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Ships ahoy

Nine-year-old Emanuel Cospedes enjoys the Halloween festivities sponsored by the Springfield Recreation Department and the Springfield YMCA Saturday at the Chisholm Community Center. This year's celebration included pumpkin picking, face painting, a costume parade and a costume contest.

Candidates share insight on issues

(Continued from Page 1) effect of the new infrastructure bond issue and other previous bonding will result in future property tax increases if spending is not brought under control. Brociner said he would encourage open discussion at council meetings and monthly reports from each member regarding the borough's various committee issues.

Lane, 32, a five-year resident of the borough, said his background in mun-icipal law could be effective on the

job. He holds a law degree from Mer-cer University in Georgia and a bachelor of science degree in eco-nomics from Rutgers University. If elected, Lane said he would con-

tinue to maintain the borough's trend of shared services by urging competition for outside contractors. He said he would be committed to finding ways to seek county and state aid whenever possible to decrease and maintain the tax base. Lane said he would also promote community involvement with the governing body.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom to host lecture

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Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Social Action Committee and Brotherhood will
present a brunch and lecture Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker Professor
Eugene Lieber will speak on the topic, "The Black Experience: From Africa, to
Slavery, to Freedom." Admission is a suggested donation of \$3 per person.
Lieber is a much sought-after history professor who has bectured extensively
at the Jewish Community Center, several temples in the area, the Ethical Culture Society, and many other organizations. He is known for "making history
come alive" with his fascinating presentations. This will be his second engagement at Sha'arey Shalom.

Lieber's lecture will attempt to explain just what happened centuries ago in
Africa, the Middle Passage shown in the film "Amistad," slavery in the South,
and emancipation to freedom.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom's Sunday brunch and lecture is open to the public.
For more information, call the temple office (973) 379-5387.

Advance reservations are requested. Make checks payable to Temple
Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, 07081.

Strollers, radios stolen

Springfield

Three individual incidents involving baby strollers, car radios and mail-boxes, were recently reported in the township.

On Oct. 26, a Springbrook Road resident and a Short Hills Avenue resident reported separate baby stroller thefts. The strollers were valued at \$300 each.

On Oct. 25, a Kew Drive resident and a South Springfield Avenue readent each reported the overnight thefts of their car radios, speakers and a number of music compact dives. A

thetis of their car radios, speakers and a number of music compact dives. A screwdriver, reportedly left behind by the thieves, was found in the Kew Drive car. The tool was held as evidence by the police. On Oct. 22, two mailboxes — one on Bemadette Court, the other on Newbrook. Lane

were both damaged by vandals.
 Jonathan Dayton High School
Vice Principal Kevin Murphy
reported spray paint damage to the

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school's scoreboard Monday following Dayton's weekend football game against Kentlworth

The burglary of a Springfield Avenue residence resulted in the loss of approximately \$500 in items Saturday. No arrests have been reported in connection to the incident.

Two trailers — one empty, one containing over \$40,000 worth of vin-yellowindows and doors — were stolen from United Windows and Doors on Fadem Road Oct. 22.

Mountainside

Fadem Road Oct. 22.

Mountainside

Marc Blanchette, 26, of Bridgewater, was arrested for having a suspended driver's license out of the state of Massachusetts Oct. 29.

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• Irvington resident Diane Turnaga was arrested by Bridgewater police on a contempt of court warrant out of Mountainside Oct. 28.

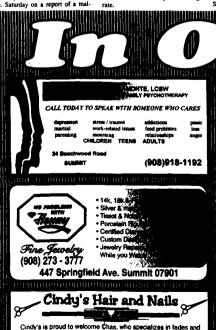


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The store in the Strand Mail.

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setting in a full view of customers. It is hard to find the right doctor or lawyer. The same is so true for a jeweler. Whether you are new to the shop or an old friend get your "No problem" experience at "No Problems With Henry". The store is located on the first floor of the Strand Mall, 447 Springfield Ave. in Summit. Open Daily 10-6, 10-8 on Thursday and 10-5 on Saturday. For more information call (908) 273-3777.

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As executive director of the Summit Child Care Centers, Florence Neison is at the helm of four child care centers and 550 infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. The largest provider for infant and toddler programs in the county, the center is funded by a state social service block grant. Progress is being made on an expansion, at the property adjacent to the 95 Morris Ave. location.

Summit Child Care Centers expand

By Joan M. Devlin
Staff Writer

Just walking into the Summit Child Care Centers at 95
Morris Ave. can be uplifting to the child in all of us.
Spacious and sparking, bright colors are everywhere
and the many different rooms for different ages contain
toys and child-high furniture. In one large main room, windows make one wall, full of hanging plants and there is a
large fish tank in the middle on a table. There are even pintsized coat racks. A science corner is on the far side, and
also a large space for gymmastics.

Executive Director Florence Nelson is proud of the
ultra-modern child care center and loves to lead tours.
With a doctorate in Human Development and Family Studiess, she brings her expertise to her job since 1997, and has

With a doctorate in Human Development and Family Studies, she brings her expertise to her job since 1997, and has been on suff since 1986. Actually, there are four child care centers that are under the umbrella of SCCC. Besides this one at 95 Morris Avenue, there is another at 14 Beckman Terrace in the old Wilson Building, another on the campus of Overlook Hospital, exclusively for children of hospital employees, and a fourth in The Ogden Memorial Church in Chatham. Altogether, it serves 550 infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

schoolers.

Terry Kelly, assistant director at the Morris Avenue facility, is enthusiastic. "We accept children from as young as 6 weeks up to the age of 5. Afterschool children go to Wilson Center at 14 Beekman Terrace in Summit, where

Wilson Center at 14 Beekman Terrace in Summit, where there are programs especially for them, up to the age of 12," she said, adding, "This place is very special." There are a total of 175 employees within the Summit Child Care Centers, and families who use the facilities, including families from New Providence. Berkeley Heights, Springfield and Chatham. Strictly non-profit, the professional staff is paid but the Board of Directors, made up of 28 prominent citizens, are all volunteer, in addition to volunteers who work at fund-raising.

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The staff is highly qualified. Antoinene Franklin is education coordinator, responsible for curriculum and teacher training for all age groups. During the tour, Franklin pointed out an active session going on in the gym floor pointed out an active session going on in the gynthous space. There was Maria Compton, gym teacher, leading eager 4-year-olds in what looked like a Jane Fonda workout session, with stretching and jumping and they not only followed her, they loved it. Assisting Compton were two teacher aides, Yvonne Lester and Betty Johnson. The ratio of teacher to pupil is two teachers to 15 children, which is well above the required state level, Nelson said.

of teacher to pupil is two teachers to 13 children, which is well above the required state level, Nelson said. Can a poor family with a very low income avail them-selves of the beautiful facility for their child? Nelson answered with an emphasic "Yes; by all means, as long as both parents are working. This part of the program is

funded as a social service block grant from the state of New Jersey," she said, "and we are the largest provider for infants and toddlers programs in Union County." However, the director stressed that the grant does not cover the full costs of the care that is provided. Because it is non-profit, money is raised through many fund-raising activities throughout the year.

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The facility holds about 140 children. The building is over 13,000 square feet and wide open in every way, with a parking lot and a large outdoor, enclosed playground, full of all kinds of apparatus for all age groups. "We are open inside as well, so that an older child can visit with a baby brother or sister in the nursery section," said Nelson.

"We include in our programs children who are referred by the Division of Youth and Family Services, from homes where there might have been abuse and/or neglect." said Nelson. "and no matter what their circumstance, all children participate in all the activities that the schools have to offer, such as music, gym. field trips, swimming lessons and Spanish language. This is easy for the children who have this language as their mother rongue."

The director added that about 10 percent of the children at the 95 Morris Ave. facility come from non-English speaking homes. Other languages that they speak are Chinese, Swedish, French, Russian and Polish.

Recently, the SCCC has acquired the former Natale family home on 89 Morris Ave. adjacent to the property at 95 Morris Ave. "The children of the family approached us about whether we would be interested in purchasing the

95 Morris Ave. "The children of the family approached us about whether we would be interested in purchasing the property and we were delighted to do this as we need the addition," said Nelson.
"The property includes a parking lot behind the home, and will allow us the much needed expansion. Currently it is being readied for the addition of three classrooms, an activity room and teacher work space." The new space will be occupied by preschoolers and six more teachers by next summer.

summer. To SCCC runs all year round and in the summer it has a camp program at the facilities which is very popular. "Many families stay for years," noted Kelly, "and in fact, we had one family in Summit who had four children in our programs over a period of nine years." Kelly said there is always a nurse on staff. "There nutritious meals are served daily, as some children are still here at 6 p.m."

The full fee rate, which is paid by about 80 percent of the families, is between 8950 to \$1.095 per month for five days a week. "However, the families who qualify for subsidy pay a very small amount, based on their income, which could be from zero to \$25 or \$30 per week." she added.

For information about the centers call 273-7017.

Police programs branch out

By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer

They serve and protect, and they do it in many ways. The annual report of the Summit Police Department proves it, and Chief of Police William E. Schneller is proud of his officers' accomplishments.

Just as the population has been increasing, the Police Department's work has proportionately been increasing. Total calls answered in 1999 were 20,280, as opposed to 19,080 in 1998.

19,080 in 1998. The mission statement of the Summit Police Department declares it will enforce the law, preserve the peace and within guidelines from the constitution, make the city a safe and secure environment for all of its citizens. There is an added sentence that states,
"Through meaningful dialogue have
both the needs of the community and
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This means the department willing-by does many things outside what is customarily thought to be police work, such a checking on the welfast, helping check buildings and vaeant houses, not to mention all the first aid requests officers assist on when called. In fact, the department now has two resident emergency medical technicians of its own.

Young people are of primary concern to police officers in Summit. Schneller said, "We have attempted to dedicate available units to patrol in the vicinity of all schools in the city at dismissal time. This assures the parents that their chincilly directed the parents that their chincilla directed the parents and the conditions. The parents and the conditions are considered for 17 weeks and the officers visit each leas once a week for about 45 minutes. They establish a reapport with the students and are collected to the parents and the conditions are collected for the students.

conducted for 17 weeks and the officers visit each class once a week for about 45 minutes. They establish a rapport with the students and are role models for all grades.

Sgt. John McCandless formed the

Sgt. John McCandless formed the Juveniles At Risk program. Last year, over 19 juveniles and/or their families were placed in the growing program. The counseling program serves to prevent the juvenile from coming in contact with the police again for any irresponsible behavior.

A goal for this year is to conduct alcohol awareness seminars for parents of high school students. This would work in conjunction with the school's athletic programs.

Parrolman Anthony J. Crowe heads the important Crime Prevention Unit, and he reports increasing success, which may account for the drop in the

number of criminal incidents. As part of this program, school crossing guards and postal carriers were equipped with cellular phones, enabling them to call for police assistance in all emergences without leaving their posts. This plan was completed without cost to the city, as the phones were donated by many citizens readwere donated by many citizens read-ing about the drive and wanting to

help.
This year the unit had the use of a small tent which was borrowed from the PAL, and this enabled me to oper-ate a stand at the Summit Street Fair.

Hundreds came and took home pamphlets on home safety and personal safety." said Crowe.

The total head count, including Schneller, is 47 members of the Summit Police Department, who have their lingers on the pulse of the community in many ways.

Police Chaplain William Horn, the rabbi from the Jewish Community Center, is one of their biggest fans. "They will extend themselves for others; they are very special men and no one will ever know how much they do."

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Welcome mat laid for Schering-Plough

By John Celock
Staff Writer
The sale is completed and the future planning begins.
City officials are currently working with Schering
Plough Corp. to ease the pharmaceutical corporation's move into the city. Schering-Plough purchased the Novartis campus on Morris Avenue earlier this year. Novaris will continue to lease the site from Schering-Plough until 2003 and then the final turnover will take place.

As a part of the sale, Schering-Plough will tocate research and development personnel on the site. The Summur campus will be used to complement the company's existing headquarters in Kenilworth Prior to the 2003 turnover date. Schering-Plough will construct a 145,000-square-foot safety evaluation facility.
Common Council President P. Kelly Haffield, the city's liaison with Schering-Plough, said Summit officials recently met with Kenilworth officials to discuss the borough's relationship with its largest taxpayer.

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"Schering-Plough invited council to their Kenitworth facility to talk with Mayor Mike Tripodi. He talked about the good relationship that Schering has with his community. Right now we are putting out the welcome mat for Schering-Plough." Hatfield said.

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Tripod said he and other borough officials are committed to assisting Summit with the transition from Hovaris to
Schering-Plough. He said that Kenilworth has had a posi-Scheing-Flough, re-said and reconstructions are posi-tive relationship with the pharmaceutical giant for many years. The mayor noted that Schering-Plough sponsors many community events in Kenilworth. Summit officials are currently discussing the possibility of Schering-Plough taking over event sponsorships with Novartis in future

years.
"They are very responsive to the government and the residents. That is very important and it will help Summit when any issues arise on their campus," Tripodi said. According to Tripodi, Schering-Plough has sponsored Kemilworth's health fair, assisted with upgrading DeMario Park, installed new science labs in David Brareley High School, assisted with the Little League and sponsored street fairs.

street fairs. In addition to the company's commitment to community relations, Tripodi said residents surrounding the site will be pleased with Schering-Plough's landscaping policies. "The way they maintain their site in Kenilworth is like that of a college campus, with a lot of trees and landscaping, It is a very residential-firendly onvirorment. You will see a lot of trees and aesthetically pleasing items. It will be better for the residents than a hotel and conference center."

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Tripodi said, noting that he knows a hotel had considered purchasing the Novartis site.

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Schering-Plough recently sponsored an open meeting with residents in the areas surrounding the Novartis site. The meeting was designed for the pharmaceutical company to introduce tiself to its neighbors and to answer any questions. Council woman Cynthia Martin, who astended the forum, said she believes the company did a good job in presenting itself to Summit.

"I think it was a very good meeting. I think Schering provided a lot of good information for residents, I think that the neighbors, at least the ones I spoke to, felt that way." Martin said.

Wartin said.

Martin, the top residential concerns were the amount of site employees, the new building, noise pollution, buffer zones, long-term plans and chemical waste disposal.

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Master Plan 2000 addresses the Novartis issue by rezoning the area to that of a Planmed Research Office Development Zone. According to Master Plan Task Force Chairwoman Phyllis Sank, the new zone was designed to ease future construction for Schering-Plough.

"They would have a zone of their own. They would not need to seek variances," she said.

Sank, who is also vice chairwoman of the Planning Board, said that Schering-Plough has been asked to develop a Facilities Master Plan for the site. This new plan will specify all improvements and new construction planned for the next six to 10 years. This new plan will also include a study of how the new company will affect traffe flow in the area. Once the plan is completed by the company, Sank said the Planning Board will review and comment on the issue.

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All Summit government offices vill be open Election Day, Tuesday, and the polls will be open from 7 a.m.

and the poils win to 8 p.m.
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Election Day is not a parking meter

liday.

Because of the election, the regular Because of the election, the regular Common Council meeting will be held Monday at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Monday scheduling commitments prevent TV-36 from cablecasting the meeting live. However, it will be shown Nov. 9 and

Tax office open late

The tax collector's office will be pen Monday from 6 to 8 p.m., for scidents who wish to pay their puth-quarter real estate taxes at ight. Regular office hours are Mon-ay through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 30 p.m.

day through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Taxes are were due Wednesday, but there is a grace period of 10 calendradays. If a receipt is desired, mailed payments should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Tax bills were mailed in July. Taxpayers who did not receive bills and advised to check with Tax Collector Carolyn M. Bratlof at 273-6403. The tax collector office is also reminding residents that sewer charges were due Sept. 1.

FD shares expertise

Fire Prevention Week is observed for one week every October. The job of fire prevention, however, goes on year-round. A fire prevented is more valuable than one extinguished. The Summit Fire Department feels this

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task is important enough that they would like to share their expertise in this field with the public. Members of the department are available for fire prevention talks to school, church, civic or business groups. For years, Summit school children have enjoyed seeing fire apparatus and the firefighters come to their school, but prevention doesn't stoop there. Fire prevention is more apparatus and the intergrave solution to their school, but prevention doesn't stop there. Fire prevention is everyone's lifelong job. There are several videos dealing with the subjects of fires and fire prevention available for

Firefighters are also available to speak to individual residents or neighborhood groups. The department can assist with smoke detector placement, home fire safety and plans for escape in the event of a fire. Anyone having a question or a request for a fire safety presentation may call the department at 277-1033 or stop at Fire Headquar-ters located at 396 Broad St. Visitors are always welcome

Poll workers sought

Both political parties need to hire additional poll workers for General Election Day, Tuesday. In order to be eligible for employment in Summit, interested people must be registered voters from any Union County community.

voters from any Orion County community.

Registered Democrats contact Maybelle Cromwell at 273-3596.

Republicans should call Elizabeth Cox at 277-4398.

t-of-town Democrats should call romwell, and Republicans should call Cox. Unaffinated voters — those who have never voted in a Primary — call Diane Barton at the Union County Election Board, 527-4237.

"All new election board workers

"All new election board workers are required to attend a county Board of Elections one-hour training session to learn the basics of election machine

operation," said City Clerk David Hughes.
Board workers will earn \$100 for the day's work. The county pays an additional \$12.50 for picking up or cruming election materials to City Hall, making it possible to earn \$125 on that day. Democrats are responsible for the materials for the Primary Election and Republicans for the General Election.

eral Election.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
The General Election Day board
workers work those hours in addition
to the time required for opening and
closing the polling places.

Curbside pickup begins

As a convenience to residents, the city's Public Works Division will be collecting bagged leaves at curbside on regular garbage pickup days through Dec. 15, or until the first

Leaves for curbside collection must

hajor snowstorm.

Leaves for curbside collection must be in biodegradable paper bags. Plaste bags are not acceptable, even those marketed as biodegradable. Residents may obtain the paper bags at various Summit stores.

Leaves in plastic bags may be brought to the necycling center, provided the bags are removed after dumping the leaves. The Summit Recycling Center, New Providence Avenue, is open Monday through Frod in the College of the C

. mit resident's vehicle permit A Summit resident's vehicle permit is required for admittance to the center. The permits are issued by the Summit Permit Center, 71 Summit Ave. For information, call 522-0357.

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Chase ends in city Man back in jail

Staff Writer
A chase involving a Cumbertand
County man that took police through
two counties ended in a crash on Passaic Avenue in Summit Oct. 24.
A man identified as Keith Rober
Caldwell, a 31-year-old Milbville resident, crashed his red Audi into a stand
tress after a chase that began in
Hanover Township. Caldwell parked
in Hanover's Ree Meadow Park to Hanover townstup. Case-on personal in Hanover's Bee Meadow Park to allegedly meet a 12-year-old township boy with whom he had exchanged sexual communications. via the Internet.
The tryst did not occur. According

to Capt. Stephen Gallagher of the Hanover Township Police Depart-ment, the boy did not appear, after which Caldwell called the child's

which Caldwell called the child's home. The boy's mother answered the phone, subsequently tipping police off to Caldwell's location.

Caldwell forced police to follow him through Morris County and into New Providence in Union County, during which time he rammed three police vehicles — one from Hanover, one from New Providence and one from Chatham Township.

Caldwell made his way into Summit, proceeding along Old Springfield Avenue to Harrison Court, a dead-end atreet just over the Summit/New Providence border, where he reportedly

Caldwell then entered Springfield

Avenue, turning onto Constantine Place and finally onto Passaic Avenue. He lost control of his car on Passaic and struck a number of small Gallagher described the chase as

refairly quick — not very fast, but over the speed limit. About 50 or 60 in a 40-mph area." Gallagher said that Hanover police lost Caldwell when he had the control of interpoling against raced through an intersection against

a traffic light not know what dallagher did not know what charges Caldwell will be facing for sexual offenses, but did say that charges of cluding, aggravated assualt on a police officer and numerous motor vehicle violations had been filed in Hanover

filed in Hanover.

Lt. Peter Ilaria of the Summit Police Department said that one count of aggravated assault on a police officer had been filed against Caldwell for his ramming of the New Providence police car.

Baria said that Caldwell is also facing charges of driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and two charges of leaving the scene of an accident.

accident.

The 12-year-old boy Caldwell intended to meet was unharmed. At the time of the incident, Caldwell had been out on bail, pending sentencing for a previous sexual assault charge.

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School expansion plan must now be submitted to Planning Board

(Continued from Page 1) board member Dean Paskow noted. Since the last re-examination of the borough's master plan in 1995, those projects have included: the rehabilitation of the firehouse, the municipal parking lot at the library, the ugrading to the Mountainside Public Library, the removation of Borough Half, the construction of the Rescue Squad Building and the pool house renovations.

Board members agreed to add the new piece of legislation to the master plan and authorized Loughlin to write a letter to the achool district's attorney informing him of the new require-

ment. The Borough Council also was notified. According to the statute, the Plan ming Board must devote at least one full meeting of the board to presentation and review of long-range facilities plan prior to adoption of a resolution setting forth the board's findings. In the case of the Board of Education, the district's long-range expansion plan must be submitted to the state Department of Education by Dec. 15 to be eligible for financial assistance. Board of Education President Patrice Taxescher was not surprised by the Planning Board's new requirement. Saying that she first learned of the legislation from the district's architect

last weck, Taeschler said the statute also was discussed on Friday morning by the Department of Education's Division of Facilities assistant con-missioner David Mortimer at the annual New Jersey School Boards Association Conference in Atlantic City. "We're not looking at it as any kind of problem, it's something we are

of problem. It's something we are aware of and will do," Taeschler said. aware of and will do," Taescine, accura-"We will submit the plans to the Planning Board and the state at the same

The Planning Board will conduct its third re-examination of the master plan at a special meeting on Nov. 29 at 8 p.m.

Hopefuls rehash their agendas

Continued from Page 1)
Faronce described, as her goal, "a local government that is fully responsive to the needs of all Springfield families." She has spoken out on behalf of a two-party government, charging the all-Democratic committee with participating in "rubber stamp politics."

The Republican candidate has accused the Democratic Township Committee of "morragaing the township" by "floating bonds due to a lack of strategic planning." and has encouraged preparation for natural disasters such as Floyd. Farance also criticized the township's expenditure for its recent independent report of the Police Department, claiming that it only succeeded in revealing "the same problems observed years ago."

Scholla, a news/sports anchor for WRNJ Radio, an ABC affiliate in Hackettstown, said his job has pre-pared him for a position on the Town-ship Committee. He has insisted that the committee needs a watchdoe to let the public know "what is really going on behind closed doors." Scholla has questioned the effectiveness of an all-Democratic government Democratic governing party, and has charged that a lack of progress exists regarding the township's relationship with the Police Department and with

preparedness.

If elected, the Republican challenger has pledged to establish a "handson, productive relationship with the Police Department." He said he is also productive the town. committed to making sure the town-ship's police obtain defibrillators.

respect to its

Scholla has criticized the current committee for being "so unprepared when Tropical Storm Floyd ravaged the area" last year and has made it his goal to make sure that the township is prepared for any natural disaster in the future.

Butler, an Independent, has prom-

ised to keep the township's popula-tion "aware and informed." He has tion "sware and informed." He has repeatedly expressed his concern regarding the number of bonds passed by the Township Committee, and has spoken of the indebtedness he feels will occur once the construction of the new firehouse is completed. He has talked about the need for having life-tailing and sailable for the township's police cars, and has communicated his frustration over quality of life issues such as noise pollution.

STUDENT UPDATE

Kress named scholar

Nicole Kress of Mountainside, a member of the Class of 2000 at Oak Knoll School in Summit, has been named an AP Scholar With Honors by the College Board in recognition of her achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement examinations. Kress attends Villanova University and is the daughter of Mountainside Board of Education member Richard Kress and Cheryl Kress of Mountainside.

Trapani earns degree

Naggar RHA president

Sara Naggar of Springfield, a junior majoring in newspaper journalism at Syracuse University, will serve as

president of the university's Residence Hall Association for the 2000-01 school year.

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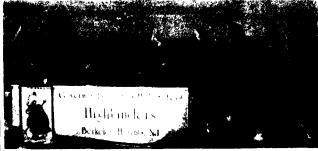
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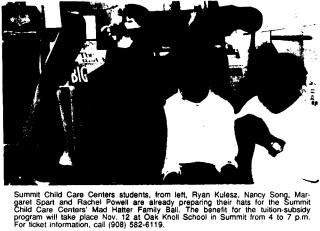
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American Red Cross Summit Chapter Manager Gene Daniel and Disaster Director Myr-na Levinson are members of the largest humanitarian organization in the country. In its latest effort to provide disaster response, the Red Cross provided canteen service to firefighters and victims during the Oct. 23 pre-dawn fire on Springfield Avenue.

Mad hatter madness 1 Cont.



By Joan M. Devlin Staff Writer Editor's note: This is the second rt in a series highlighting the

Editor's note: This is the second part in a series highlighting the tety's volunteers.

Its reputation precedes it: everyone knows about the American Red Cross and how it is three in emergencies. The Summit Chapter is no different, and recently proved it at the city's latest fire emergency Oct. 23.

Dispensing canteen service and comfort to the victims made homeless and the firefighers who worked through the night, they were just as dependable as they have been down through history, since Clart Barron founded the service in 1881.

Proud of its record, Chapter Manager Gene Daniel said, "I have a staff it wo paid advisors, transportation coordinators and the custodian; the

coordinators and the custodian; trest of the staff, some 130 to 140 pe ian; the

rest of the staff, some 130 to 140 people, are all dedicated volunteers, without whom we would not be here."

One of those volunteers who is on call 24 hours of every day is Myrna Levinson, who has the dubious title of disaster director. Although she takes a lot of kidding with that title, especially from her husband, the work Levinson does is no laughing matter. "This means that the police and fire departments of the five districts we cover have my home telephone and can call me any time they need me," said nave my nome teepone and can "said Levinson," and on the night of Oct. 23,1 got a call about 12,406 a.m. I had just fallen asleep. It was the Summit Fire Department calling to say they needed help. I ran to the other tele-phone and called Miles MacNahon, vho works with me on disasters. He said he would meet me at the chapter

house."

They met there about 1:25 a.m. and left for the fire site in downtown Summit to meet with the Volunteer First Aid Squad and the fireflighters and police who were on the seepe in that enrible fire which took nearly all night to get under control. "We know what to do and took it from there. We comfort the people who are victims of the fire and do what we can to help. Christina Jones and two to help. Christina Jones and two friends were devastated at the loss of three cats, and also had lost all their belongings, but they were physically unhurt. We asked the police to put them in the back of a police car to be transported back to the chapter house, where another couple was already

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'It's give-back time for me. I no longer have kids at home, and I love to do it.'

- Myrna Levinson Disaster director

awaiting pick-ups and all were being helped, wrapped in blankets and conforted," said Levinson.

Canteen service was under way with hot food and sandwiches for all Meanwhile, the well-organized group which also works with Ethel Ward, the Welfare Director of Summit, was accommaking certain everyone was seconmaking certain everyone was accom-modated that cold night. If anyone from the fire had no place to go, working together. Levinson and Ward would find a place. The Jones family, mother and daughter, stayed that one night with a daughter in Monmouth County, but later were placed at the Murray Hill Inn, also known as the Best Western Motel, in New Provi-dence, one of the Red Cross places; it dence, one of the Red Cross places, it also uses the Holiday Inn in Springled. If there were many homeless victims, there is emergency space in their own building and in school buildings in the area. Luckily, that size of an emergency has never happened.

When asked how they handle feeding people in the wee hours of the morning when all stores are closed. Levinaton said. "There is always 7-Eleven, and the one in Summit came to our rescue that Sunday night, and we purchased all their cold cuts

and we purchased all their cold cuts for sandwiches. Still it wasn't enough, so one of our volunteers went to the Springfield store and bought all of their sandwich supplies. The rest of us stayed here and made coffee with the fire victims," recalled

Levinson. By the early morning hours, five volunteers had joined Levinson for deliveries to the fire crews. "At 4 a.m.. Christina Jones' sister arrived and her morn shortly after that, to pick her and her friend up for that one night. I got a few hours steep about 6 a.m." she said. She also noted that the a.m.," she said. She also noted that the Summit Diner had sent over hot food to the fire scene, to fill the table the Red Cross had provided. "Summit people are great they helped without being asked," she said. The American Red Cross is the largest humanitarian organization in the United States, with a total of 1.4

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million volunteers. Daniel said, "Every American Red Cross Chapter in the United States must perform three functions: disaster response, ser vice to the military, and international tracing. The latter function is tracing for families that were victims of the

Daniel said the Red Cross also offers courses in CPR, first aid, lifeguard training and swimming. They are best known locally for the blood drives. The Red Cross collects nearly

drives. The Red Cross collects nearly six million units of blood each year and provides about half of the nation's blood supply and nearly one quarter of tissue (or transplantation.

And then there are the selfless volunteers like Levinson, who when asked why she has chosen to do what she does, quickly answered, "It's give-back time for me. I no longer have kids at home, and I love to do it. People give back in different ways for different reasons. I have had an easy life, and my husband is very supportive."

supportive."

She has been a volunteer at the Summit Chapter for nearly five years and admitted, "Sometimes I feel over whelmed, but there is such a wonder whether, but inlete is such a workerful group of volunteers that I work
with that I don't have to do everything
by myself."

Daniel also had his reasons for tak-

Daniel also had his reasons for taking on the responsibility of director. "I
am retired from the corporate world of
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I have had it pretty easy and it is time
for community service. This is the
nlace to do it." e to do it." Jesides being there in every disas

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

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By JR Parachin

Sports Editor

It appears as if as many as five area teams are headed to the state playoffs, while two others have excellent chances to join them. Elizabeth and Union, as is usually the case, will be two of the teams in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4. Elizabeth (6-1) is the defending champion and has now qualified for a sixth consecutive season. Union (6-2) has won the most titles in the section with 10 and has now qualified of a fifth consecutive season. Hillside (6-1) has qualified in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 for the second time in three years and still has a shot at gaining the top seed, although the Cornets play afrough 1 shoot in Bound Brook this weekend. Regardless, the Comsets should place among the top four seeds and that will guarantee them a first-round game at home. There are no undefeated teams in this section now that Hanover Park (6-1), despite lossing at Hillisted last weekend and with a tough game at home tomorrow might against undefeated Immaculate (7-0), should still garner one of the eight betths in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 1. The five teams Versona, Mountain Lakes. Cedar Grove, New Providence and Belviders), that were abead of the Panthers in the power points race all won

(Verona, Mountain Lakes, Cedar Grove, New Providence and Belvidere), that were abead of the Panthers in the power points race all won hast weekend, but the three teams (Kinnelon, Glen Ridge and Butler) that were behind Roseile Park all lost. Roselle Park all lost. Park all lost. Park all lost. Park all lost. Park last qualified in 1996. Verona and Cedar Grove, both 7-0, are the only undefeated teams remaining in North Jersey, Section 2.

Summit, like Union, has played its eight games that count towards the playoffs. With a 5-3 record, the Hilloppers are presently among the top eight teams in North 2. Group 2. Summit plays at Hanover Park tomorrow night, but that game doesn't count. The Hillioppers can pick up as many as four more power points if four teams they defeated (Delaware Valley, Dover, Weequahic, Mount Olive) win this weekend. Summit also defeated Parsippany, but the Redskins have already played their first eight games and do not play this weekend. Linden (4-3) should make it in North 2.

weekend.
Linden (4-3) should make it in
North 2, Group 4 for a second
straight year with a win over Plainfield, while Roselle (4-3) could
qualify in North 2, Group 2 for the
second time in three years with a
win over Brearley.

WEEK EIGHT GAMES
Friday, Nov. 3
Shabatz at Elizabeth, 7:00
Hilliside at Bound Brook, 7:00
Summit at Hanover Park, 7:30
Immaculta at Roselle Park, 7:30
Satarday, Nov. 4
Plainfield at Linden, 2:00
Rahway at New Prov., 2:00
Johnson at Dayton, 2:00
Brearly at Roselle, 2:00
Manville at Gov. Liv., 2:00

wWEEK SEVEN SCORES Friday, Oct. 27 Union 20, Linden 13 Saturday, Oct. 28 Roselle 24, Rahway 22 Johnson 28, Gov. Livingston Hillside 34, Roselle Park 0 Breatley 52, Dayton 6 Elizabeth 41, Westfield 6 Irvington 40, Cranford 18 Summit 44, Mount Olive 14

Linden over Plainfield
New Providence over Rahway
Johnson over Dayton
Roselle over Brearley Gov. Livingston over Manville Last Week: 8-0 Season: 60-16 (.790)

TERRIFIC THIRTEEN

- Elizabeth (6-1)
- Union (6-2) Hillside (6-1)
- 4. Linden (4-3)
 5. Roselle Park (5-2)
 6. Summit (5-3)
 7. Roselle (4-3)

- 7, Roselle (4-3)
 8, Johnson (4-3)
 9, Rahway (3-4)
 10, Brearley (3-4)
 11, Gov. Livingsto
 12, Cranford (1-7)
 13, Dayton (0-7) on (2-5)

Streak extends past 100



The Summit Middle School boys' cross country team's winning streak extended past 100 this season thanks to an excellent 10-0 start. The streak reached 101 with the team's 10th victory as two series of 8th graders have run three years without a loss. The girls' team also got out to an outstanding 9-0 start this year. The boys' were to defend their title at the Summit Invitational Oct. 25 as 15 teams were to descend upon Memorial Field. Front row, from left, are Brian Wilson, Charlie Wisoff, Ryan McOmber, Robbie Moore, Remy Olsen, Stephen Hankinson, Conor McKenna, Mike Grouss, Seth Thompson, Will Gruetzmacher, Taylor Simpson, Josh Sussman, Todd Dobiszewski, Matt Olsen, Second row, from left, are Paul Curmi, Andrew Clark, Chris Collins, Zach Barber, Mike Kaulman, Matt Butters, Tim Donnally, David Roduit, Daniel Gregory, Dave Mell, Donnie Turlington. Third row, from left, are Paul Cullivan, Travis Ludwig, Brian Kennedy, Griffin Hoffman, Matt Jackson, Scott Haenssler, Alex Tint, Myles Weeks, coach Bruce Fenska, Nick Stetans, Jake Lecky. Top row, from left, are coach Neil Sharma, Russ Greene, Steve Hillenius, Matt Clark.

Summit football team makes playoffs first time since 1995

Hilltoppers closing in on winning season

The Summit High School football team will be in the state playoffs for the first time in five years as it improved to 5-3 with a convincing 44-14 win against Mount Olive last Saturday in fron Hills Conference-Hills Division play at Summit's Tatleck Field.

lock Field.

The Hilltoppers will be one of the eight teams in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2. Summit last made the grade in 1995, the last year it was in the National Division of the Waschung Conference and the last season it posted a winning record.

Summit is one victory away from clinching a winning season.

The Hilltoppers reached four consecutive North 2, Group 2 finals from 1992-1995, winning in 1993 and 1994.

Summit standout senior Mike Nel-Summit standous senior Mike Neisen had an oustanding game against Mount Olive as he carried 18 times for 137 yards and soored on touchdown runs of one and 11 yards. He also caught a 58-yard touchdown pass from Keith Schroeder and returned a punt 40 yards for a touchdown. Schroeder completed 3-of-8 passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns.

Summit field hockey co-UCT champions

Co-UCT champions

The Summit High School field hockey team earned a share of the Union County Tournament championship for the first time in five years by vinig defending champion Oak Knoll 2-2 in last Saturday night's final at Kean University in Union. Summit teel Kent Place 2-2 in the 1995 final.

Summit senior goalie Wendy Havourd had an outstanding game for the fourth-seeded Hillitoppers, turning back 26 shots.

Libby Getzendanter scored Summit's first goal on a penalty stroke in the first half, while Kate Stephan's second-half goal tied the game at 2-2. Jen McCallum gave third-seeded Oak Knoll a 1-0 lead in the first half and Liz Sweeney gave Oak Knoll a 2-1 lead in the second half. Oak Knoll goalie Marisa Ventura made 10 saves, several of them in overtima. Midfielder Martha Crotty also played well for Oak Knoll, which was 14-14 after the tie, its only loss corning sertier in the vear to Summit by a 3-2 score.

Oak Knoll, which was 14-1-4 after the tie, its only loss coming earlier in the year to Summit by a 3-2 acore. Oak Knoll won the UCT ouright in 1996 and 1999. Summit, 12-2-5 as of Tuesday, is scheduled to host Delaware Valley in the North Jerney, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinals (6-at-3) tomorrow, while second-seeded Oak Knoll is sche-duled to play Newark Academy or South Hunterdon in the North 2, Group 1 semifinals on Wednesday.



Dayton High School freshman wide receiver Leo Ferrine (No. 20) attempts to make a diving catch for the
Buildogs in their Mountain Valley Conference-Valley
Division game last Saturday at Brearley. Sophornore
running back Matt Spada scored Dayton's only touchdown, coming on an eight-yard run in the tourth quarter.
In other local action last weekend, Summit ripped
Mount Olive 44-14, while Johnson blanked Governor
Livingston 28-0.

High school harriers excel

The Summit High School cross country teams excelled in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 competition held last Saturday at Warinance Park, Elizabeth Summit's boys' finished third and the girls' second as both qualified for this Saturday's Group 2 race at Holmdel Park in Holmdel.
Summit's boys' had 85 points, with Hanover Park first at 39 and Montville second at 62. David Webster was Summit's No. 1 finisher, placing fifth in 17-24.8

6.8. mml1's girls' scored 62 points, while Montville was first with 25. Carolino naerts was Summit's top finisher, placing fourth in 21:23.4. psyton's boys' team just missed qualifying in North 2, Group 1, placing with 127 points. New Providence was first at 63. The Governor Livingston's ware ninth in North 2, Group 2 with 192 points. Hanover Park was first

, on girls' standout Julie Marx will be competing in the Group 1 race this d at Holmdel after finishing ninth in the North 2, Group 1 race in

weekend at Holmdel after finishing ninth in the North 2, Group 1 race this 23:17.5.

Oratory placed 15th in the boys' New Jersey Catholic Track Conference meet held last Saturday at Wainanco. Oratory had 454 points, while Christian Brothers was first with 20. Oratory senior captain Dan Crum excelled once again at the Moustain Valley Conference-Valley Division boys' race held Oct. 19 at Pleasant Valley Park in Bernards Township.

Crum captured his second correccutive championship in 17:51 to lead Oratory to the team championship. Preshman John Schlegel was next for Oratory won with 38 points, while New Providence was second with 41.

Dayton, which finished third at 56, was sparked by the performance of John Cottage, who was sixth in 19:34. Dayton's girls' team was third with 80 points, as Oak Knoll won the team title with 24. Megan McGinn of Oak Knollowd third in 19:35. Dayton's girls' team was third with 80 points, as Oak Knoll won the team title with 24. Megan McGinn of Oak Knollowd third in the Mountain Division race, scoring 121 points. Ridge was first with 18 and Johnson second with 85. Alex Hotz of GL was third in 17:47.

Soccer teams in state playants.

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Soccar teams in state playoffs
The Summit High School girls' soccer team and Governor Livingston boys' soccer team qualified for the state playoffs.

Summit's girls' team, 12:5-1, as of Tuesday, is scheduled to host Pequannock today in the 6-at-3 North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2 quarterfinal.

GL's boys' team, which began the week 11-6, was scheduled to host Hillstee Systemstay in a first-round North 2, Group 2 encounter. A win would have put GL at second-seeded Caldwell today in the quarterfinals.

Dayton had one very special year

Second in section, Valley

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

Continue to have the eye of the tiger.

That's what Dayton High School girls' termis coach William Prisco thinks his team must still have.

"They stayed mentally tough, but could have had a letdown after the loss to Lakes," Prisco said.

Mountain Lakes," Prisco said.

The Bulldogs, who reached the North Jersey, Section 2 Group 1 championship match with a perfect 13-0 record, were defeated by the Morris County
power in a match played Oct. 20 at Whippany Park.
First singles standout Rens Steinbach dropped a 6-0, 6-0 decision to Molly
Patterson, while second singles star Rachel Mandel was bested by Katie Button
6-0, 7-5. Freahman Karen Alberti scored for Dayton by defeating Kristen
Hokenson 6-3, 6-4 at third singles.

High School Girls' Tennis

High School Girls' Tennis

In doubles play, the first team of Lillian Fasman and Christy Dollaicoom
were nipped by the duo of Ruthie Aerts and Julie Morrison 7:5, 7-6 (7-4). Dayton's second team of Nicole Osit and Val Zlotsky pulled out a 6-3, 7-6 (7-2)
victory over Karl Bruce and Becky Orant.
"We were seven points away from doing something special," Prisco said.
"What I took out of the loss was that we were one of the lop four teams in the
state's Group I bracket because all of the matches (sectional finals in Group I)
were 3-2. None of them were blowouts."
After the loss, Dayton bounced back and handed Roselle Park a 4-1 beating.
It was the third time this year that the Buildogs defeated the Panthers by a 4-1
margin, two in Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division play and one in
the North 2, Group I semifinals.
"We beat them in the state tournament, once at home and now at their place."
Prisco said. "I told each girl they must step up and play hard, because each
match would be close and competitive."

Dayton, which finished 14-2, concluded its season with a 5-0 loss to MVCValley rival Oak Knoll that Friday. The Buildogs finished second in the Valley
Division to Oak Knoll, which has won the division all three years its been in.
Prior to that, Roselle Park had won the Valley Division for 10 straight seasons.
Alberti and the team of Osit and Zlotsky lost only one match all year.
After an 8-7 campaign last year, Prisco believes that off-season competition
and the fact that four of Osit and Zlotsky lost only one match all year.
"Itold the girls we can win at least 12 matches this year, but it would be their
rhoice to do kin," Prisco seid. "Some came in a litted rusty and needed a little
work to improve."

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The coach also feels that the mental toughness to win close matches had to be

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In losing his first doubles team and second singles player to graduation, Prisoknows next year's crop of juniors and sophomores must step up and accept

co knows next year's crop of juniors and sophomores must step up and accept the challenge.

"They're a level away, but if they play year-round and work on their game, they will be prepared for the test," Prisco said.

At a meeting tomorrow, the coach will go over things to help his squad prepare for next season.

"It's been a great year and I've had the opportunity to coach a great bunch of girls," Prisco said. "They've done everything I've asked of them and a little more."

Summit coach very proud

By Jeff Wolfrum Staff Writer

otto the Summit High School girls' tennis team decided to

phphasize this year.
"We reached the state finals and I'm very proud of that," Summit head coach

Joann LaVorgan said.

The Hilltoppers reached the NJSIAA's Group 2 championship match Oct. 25 after winning in the Group 2 semifinals earlier in the day at Mercer County Park in West Windsor.

m west windsor.

Summit was blanked by Moorestown, the South Jersey section champion, 5-0 in the Group 2 final after defeating North 1 section winner Leonia 3-2 in the

High School Girls' Tennis

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In the win over Bergen County's Leonis, first singles standout Allison Johnson lost to Alexandra Arlak 6-1, 6-1. Summit captured the other two singles positions as Erin Armold beased Kate Buwin 6-3, 6-4 at second and Erick Mitry defeated Chiori Koitz 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 at third.

In doubles play, Summits' first team of Megan Lyons and Julie Matheny clipped the tandem of Melody Barbosa and Lauren Clincia 6-2, 6-2; while Leonia's 1 Jennifer King and Jenna Koonin downed Liz Hodson and Gloria DaSania 6-7 (5-7), 6-0, 6-4 at second.

Mocressown, ranked No. 1 in the state and who was scheduled to face Newsrix Academy yesserday in this yeer's Tournament of Champions final at the Inman Sports Club in Edison, started Cct. 25 by beating Central Jeney section champion Ridge 5-0 in the other Group 2 semifinal. Moorestown moved to 27-0 Monday with a 3-2 win over Watchung Hills in the TOC semifinals at Imman. In Summit's masch against Moorestown, Johnson lost to Kristen Carlin 6-0, 6-1 at first singles. Carlin improved to 136-15 in her career with the victory. Armold was defeated by Amy Hulh 6-1, 6-2 at second singles and Mitry was downed by Kristen Klepacki 6-3, 6-1 at third singles.

Lyons and dasheepy were beased by Candioc Carlin and Liz Formoso 6-2, 6-0 at first doubles, while Hodson and DeSantia were stopped by Liz Cooper and Mutriel Weberhause 6-1, 6-0 at second doubles.

The Hilltoppers can hang their heads up high after wirming back the North 2, Oroup 2 championahip by beating arch rival Chatharn in the final. Chatharn would be conference and finishing up strong to end the campaign were also team goals.

The Hilltoppers' season was to conclude Tuesday afternoon with a makeup

also team goals. The Hilltopper so team goals.
The Hilltoppers' season was to conclude Tuesday afternoon with a makeup
satch at horne against fron Hills Conference-Hills Division foe Mount Olive.

LaVorgna feels that being relaxed and believing in yourself helps you play

better tennis. "If you think that your good enough to win and have fun playing, nothing should prevent you from being successful," LaVorgna added.

The focus for next season is to improve at doubles and not rely so much on the three singles positions. No doubt the Hillioppers would love to repeat as sectional champions and go as far as possible once again.

"We've had a season to be proud of and have reached the goals we set out to mach." I aVorgna said.

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Summits improved to 17-4 with a second striples, and defeated Jen Eisenberg 6-0, 6-1 at first singles, Arnold downed Jennifer North 6-1, 6-1 at second singles and Mitry bested Jaime Greenberg 6-1, 6-1 at third singles.

Lyons and Matheny were defeated by Jennifer Barts and Leigh Aragona 6-4, 6-1 at first doubles, while Hodson and DeSantis were edged at second by Tracy Drossman and Rachel Drossman 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Film festival continues

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Lunchtime video series continues at Springfield Library

The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues with its lunchtime video series with "New York: Episode 3." This episode, "Sunshine and Shadow," will be presented No. 14 at non. There will be a 20-minute informational presentation prior to the film at 11:30 a.m. The third episode tells the history of New York during the decades fol-

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